

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BDIS MP  
SUBJECT: TRADE COMPLAINT AGAINST CHASE MANHATTAN

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER JULY 22 FROM PORT LOUIS JEWEL AND DIAMOND DEALER, JOSE PONCINI, WHO MAINTAINS CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OF NEW YORK HAS CREATED ABNORMAL DELAYS IN TRANSFERRING 187,732 U.S. DOLLARS TO AMRO BANK, ANTWERP, TO EFFECT DIAMOND SALE.
  2. PONCINI PRODUCES TEXTS OF CABLES SENT BY HIS BANK, MAARITIUS COMMERCIAL BANK (WHICH ALSO IS CORRESPONDENT OF CHASE MANHATTAN), THAT INDICATE CHASE WAS FIRST INSTRUCTED JULY 1 TO MAKE TRANSFER TO BELGAIN BANK; ONCE MORE ADVISED ON JULY 7; AND AGAIN ON JULY 14. YET ON JULY 19 BELGAIN BANK REPORTED NO RECEIPT OF PAYMENT FROM CHASE.
  3. PONCINI UNDERSTANDABLY EXTREMELY DISTURBED OVER WHAT HE CONSIDERS CHASE MANHATTAN'S "DELIBERATE ACTION TO WITHHOLD-TIS MONEY AT GREAT COST TO HIS FIRM.
  4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE USDOC ACTION TO ASCERTAIN FACTS OF CASE AND CAUSES OF SERIOUS DELAYS IF CONFIRMED.
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